

**REMARKS**

In response to the office action, Applicant has amended claims 1, 5, 9, 15, 25, and 29 to more clearly define the present invention. Applicant notes that with this amendment the claims now show that the elements of the present invention are configurable and then reconfigurable with little effort. Applicant believes that claims 45 and 47 and the claims dependent thereon are not made obvious by the cited references as limitations therein are not shown in the cited references, review of these claims by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

As presently amended the claims show more clearly the connection of the various elements of the invention. Specifically, the claims include a limitation to a pivotal means that permit configuration and reconfiguration of the work space without disconnection and reconnection of the elements. The claims, as now amended, show that the reconfiguration of a work environment can be made with the devices and methods of the present invention, with out loss of power, data and communications connections previously established.

As explained in the specification, the elements of a work station made in accordance with the teachings of the present invention, as now claimed, can be moved about, to convenient and desirable configurations easily and without the need, of the prior art, to disassemble and reassemble entire systems. The device and method of the present invention allow for a work environment that can be easily manipulated and changed, based on changes in personnel and other factors in a business, with little interruption to the work of the business. That is, an office can continue to function or return to function

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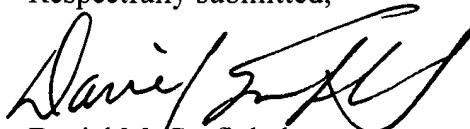
quickly when changes in personnel or space are made. Applicant notes that none of the references found by the Examiner show such a device or method.

Applicant respectfully requests continued examination and allowance of the claims. A sincere effort has been made to overcome the Action's rejections and to place the application in allowable condition. Applicant invites the Examiner to call Applicant's attorney to discuss any aspects of the invention that the Examiner may feel are not clear or which may require further discussion.

A petition for a three month extension of time, with a check to cover the fee for such petition, is enclosed herewith. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any further fee, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 230920. Further, if any other petition is needed, the commissioner is respectfully requested to consider this paper such petition and to charge any petition or other fee to the above noted account.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, it is believed that the subject application is now in condition for allowance, and an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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